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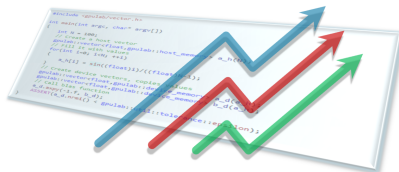
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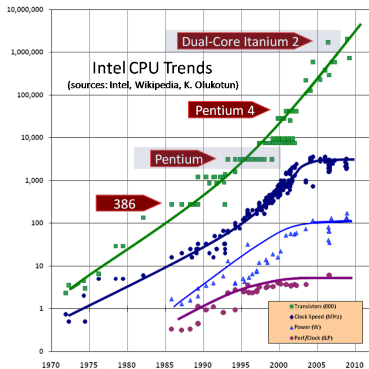
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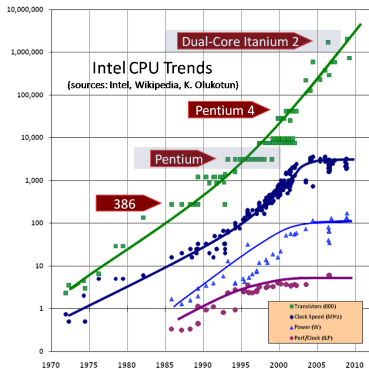
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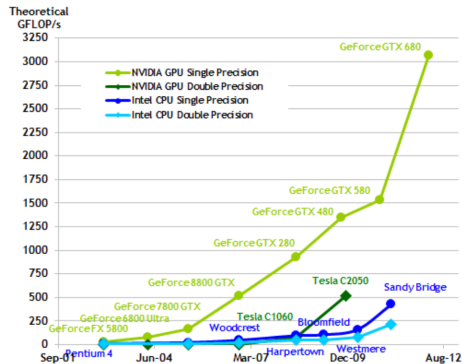
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Solutions: Hyper-threading, multi-core (CPUs), many-core co-processors (GPUs).

Motivation for CPU/GPU Heterogeneous Computing

Some good reasons to consider Graphical Processing Units for high-performance computing

- Massively parallel architecture (1,536 cores in Kepler GK104)
- Teraflop performance
- Moderate prices
\$100 – \$2,000, buy a personal super computer
- High-level programming models (CUDA, OpenCL)
- Number 2, 4, and 5 fastest supercomputers are based on GPUs



A GPU-based Framework for PDE Solvers

We have build a highly generic heterogenous CPU-GPU framework for fast PDE solver prototyping.

Framework Objectives

- Remove GPU-specific code for the non-GPU-expert programmer
- While maintaining the possibility to customize code at kernel level

```

1  gpulab::vector<float,host_memory>    x_h(100,3.f); // Create host vector x, size 100, value 3
2  gpulab::vector<float,device_memory>  x_d(x_h);    // Create device vector x, transfer host data
3  gpulab::vector<float,device_memory>  y_d(x_d);    // Create device vector y, copy device data
4  y_d.axpy(4.f,x_d);                    // Do y = a*x+y on the device
5  float n = y_d.nrm2();                 // Calculate the 2-norm on the device

```

Ideas are based on the C++ standard library, and Thrust/CUSP that exist for CUDA.

Library Components

The library contains several useful components for assembling PDE solvers.

Components

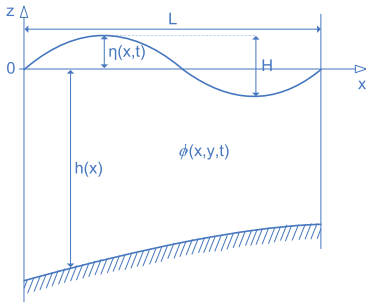
- Vectors (CPU / GPU)
- Regular grids, 1D, 2D, 3D.
- Compact flexible order finite difference operators (matrix free)
- Iterative solvers for solving linear system of equations, CG, GMRES, Defect Correction, Multigrid.
- I/O vector operations

Template-based implementations enable end-users to define their own user-specific implementations.

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The potential flow equations describe fully nonlinear water waves under the assumption of inviscid and irrotational flow.

2D Potential Flow Equations



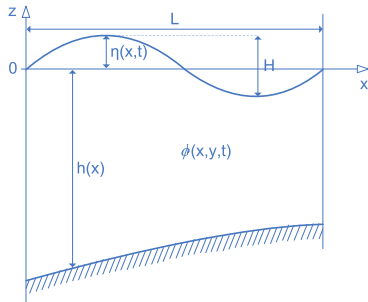
Wave parameters

- η - surface elevation
- ϕ - potential ($u = \nabla\phi$)
- h - still water depth
- $k = 2\pi/L$ - wave number
- kh - dispersion
- H/L - nonlinearity

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$$\partial_t \eta = -\partial_x \eta \partial_x \tilde{\phi} + \tilde{\omega}(1 + (\partial_x \eta)^2)$$

$$\partial_t \tilde{\phi} = -g\eta - \frac{1}{2}((\partial_x \tilde{\phi})^2 - \tilde{\omega}^2(1 + (\partial_x \eta)^2))$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \partial_z \tilde{\phi}, \quad \tilde{\phi} = \phi|_{z=\eta}$$

For $\tilde{\omega}$ to be computed, we need to know the potential in the entire domain.

$$\phi = \tilde{\phi}, \quad z = \eta$$

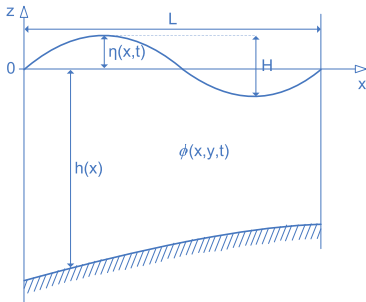
$$\partial_{xx} \phi + \partial_{zz} \phi = 0, \quad -h \leq z < \eta$$

$$\partial_z \phi + \partial_x h \partial_x \phi = 0, \quad z = -h$$

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We found that an iterative mixed-precision Defect Correction method with multigrid preconditioning solves the Laplace problem very effectively [Engsig-Karup2011] and [Glimberg2011].

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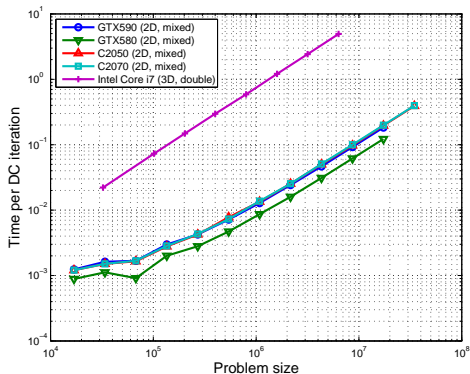
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1 // Somewhere in main
2 laplace_solver_type solver(A); // Create solver
3 solver.solve(x,b);             // Solve Ax=b

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2D Performance Results

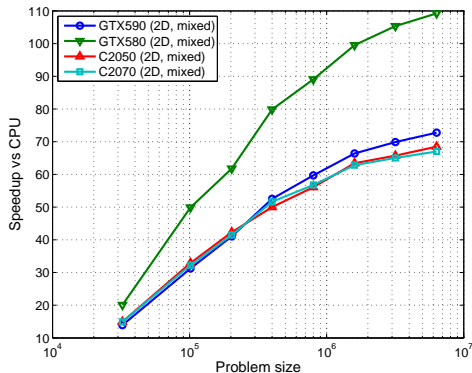
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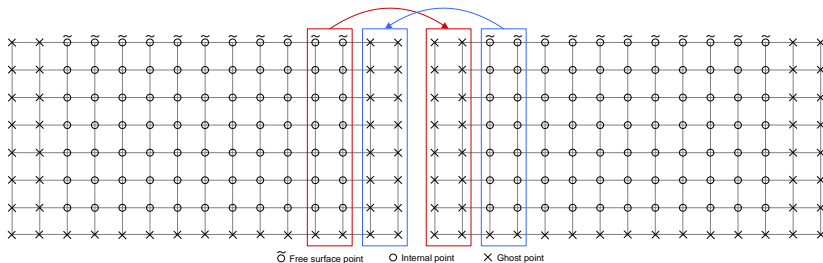
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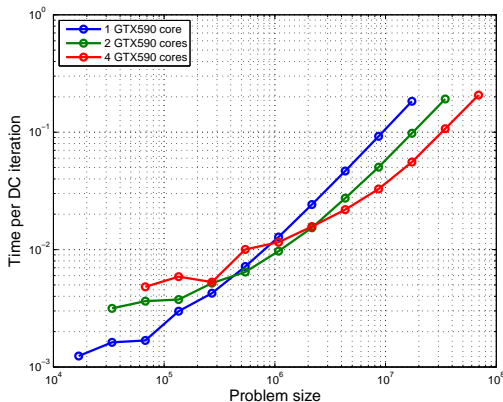
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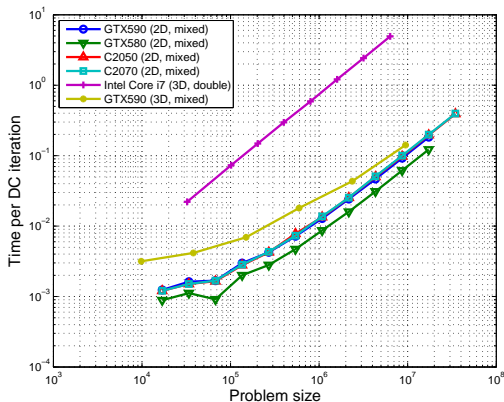
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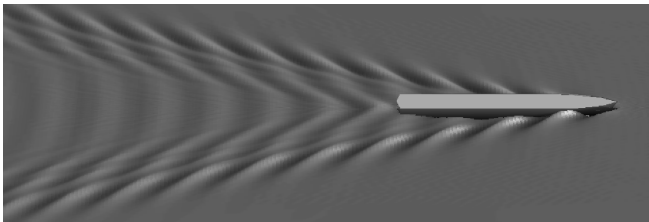
3D Performance Results

We are now working on a 3D version of the same solver. Recent results are not optimized, yet they show promising behavior.



Future Work

- Add 3D domain decomposition and demonstrate scalability behavior (strong and weak scaling) at very large scales.
- Interactive tool for simulation of ship-ship interactions, used for training of naval officers.



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